

New American/Foreign Born/Immigrant Advisory Board

June 23, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Mission:

- Overview of the DoH Mission Statement and Office and Overview of Health Equity
- Mission of the NFI Advisory Board – Provide ongoing recommendations to the NDDoH
 - Allow the NDDoH to integrate NFI concerns into policies and interventions
 - Provide a platform for NFI leaders to elevate concerns from the NFI communities

Introductions

Alicia Belay – Office of Health Equity

Krissie Guerard – NDDoH Health Equity Director

Zena Abouelazm – Emergency Management intern

Cathony Reid – CDC Public Health Associate

Nicole Peske – Communications Director for the NDDoH.

Abdiwahab Nunow – Lives in Fargo and originally from Kenya. Works as a program and youth coordinator.

Ahmed Shill - Works at United Way as a Community Impact Manager and is very involved in Fargo-Moorhead community. Originally from Somalia.

Hamzat Koriko – Lives in Grand Forks and originally from Dogoa. Works as the Artistic and Executive Director of the African Arts Arena.

Hamida Dakane – Lives in Fargo but originally from Kenya and represents the New Americans in Wahpeton.

Isabel Lopez – Lives in Dickinson and works at St. Joseph’s church representing the Hispanic community.

Monica Soto- Lives in Dickinson and originally from Mexico. Represents the Hispanic community at St. Joseph’s church.

Jasper Teboh – Representing Jamestown and works as a Research Professor.

Lydia De Jesus – Live in Dickinson and originally from NYC. Puerto Rican background and work for DLN consulting.

Nkolika Nwankwo - Lives in Fargo and originally from Nigeria. Master of Public Health at NDSU.

Prakash Pathak – Nepalese, medical student, UND youth liaison to the board of Global Friends Coalition. It is a local non-profit organization in Grand Forks.

Stella Jarua – Originally from South Sudan and lives in Fargo.

Thomas Mah – Liberian living in Grand Forks. President of the Liberian Organization of Grand forks.

Vannessa Sibanda - Lives in Fargo and works as a Procurement Officer in Fargo. Originally from Zimbabwe.

Saurav Dahal - Lives in Fargo and originally from Nepal. Joining as an immigrant.

Precious Dweh – Women’s Initiative Network and lives in Fargo.

Cynthia Shabb – Lives Grand Forks and with Global Friends Coalition.

Geraldine Ambe – Bismarck and represents the Bismarck Cameroonian association and Director of Youth in Action Bismarck.

Kayla Hochstetler - Lives in Grand Forks and is the Social Services Manager at Spectra Health.

LeAnne Tracey – Lives in Williston and works as English as a Second Language Coordinator for the school district.

Melissa Bohl – Recently named lead for health analytics group for NDDoH.
Kathleen Donahue – Works at the NDDoH for Emergency Services.
Molly Howell – Assistant Director of Disease Control at NDDoH.
Kirby Krueger – Medical Services Section at NDDoH.
Tracy Miller – State Epidemiologist for the NDDoH.
Kelly Nagel – Works for the NDDoH and is the Systems and Performance Director.

NFI Board Structure

- First Advisory Role – Advise on what the Board should look like
 - Residents of North Dakota – one question asked is what about those that live near the ND border (Moorhead, etc.) Decision was to focus on ND residents now but there is also room to have conversations with border states as well for collaborations.
 - Members should be diverse and reflect ND
 - Members should be active with NFI communities
 - Discussion on how many members should be on the board
 - The group will eventually have a co-chair and Alicia asked that members let her know if they have an interest in the position

Immigrant Outreach Proposal

- Zena and Alicia present a statewide plan for immigrant outreach. Tasked with from the unified command. Asked to address immigrant outreach across ND
- Mission: The ND Unified Command outlines an approach to address the communication, social and economic challenges of the state's immigrants and immigrant communities along with their business during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Leverage the individualized solutions communities are already using
- Provide appropriate resources for them to scale up
- Alicia presented a slide that showed a Community-Led Network Model

Other business

- Special Populations Coordinator Position was emailed out
- Let Alicia know if you are interested in being a co-chair

Next Meeting/Adjourn

July 28, 2020: 3:00 – 5:00